



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending October 14, 2012, there was a reported 6.34 days suitable for field work. **Beaver County** reported their first frost this week. **Box Elder County** reported another good week of weather for field work. Two hundredths of an inch of precipitation was received in the Tremonton area. **Cache County** farmers are still very hesitant to plant winter wheat because soil conditions are unusually dry. Growers are very concerned about our lack of moisture as we approach the winter months. **Carbon County** reported a combination of gentle and heavy rains which helped improve soil moisture. The first frost for most of the area was last weekend. **Iron County** received over 1 inch of rain this week which improved soil moisture and range conditions. **Summit County** reported the first significant rain has eased dry conditions in the county.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** farmers are busy harvesting grain corn and safflower, wrapping up 4th crop hay and have mostly completed the onion harvest. Dry land farmers are planting fall wheat -- mostly in dry soil -- to meet the final planting date for Crop Insurance. An average corn yield of 200 bushel per acre is common throughout the county. Corn grain moisture is still in the 20 to 25 percent range and must be dried before being stored. However, much of the crop is harvested as high moisture corn and is processed through a hammer mill or grinder and ensiled in pits for cattle feed. **Cache County** reports safflower harvest is almost finished. The corn for grain harvest is also progressing. All other crops are virtually in.

Livestock Summary

Beaver County livestock look good and are starting to coming in off rangeland. **Box Elder County** cattle and sheep producers have brought most of their livestock home. Their concern is having enough feed. Many will need to start feeding alfalfa or other hay earlier than normal this fall. Livestock are doing well, but fall pasture is very short. Many producers are shipping calves. Sheep producers are moving sheep into irrigated crop residue fields. **Carbon County** reports that some cattle are starting to come down from the mountains on their own. **Cache County** ranchers report that calves are being weaned and, in most cases, sold. Most ranchers are quite pleased with the size of their calves and also market prices. In **Summit County** cattle and sheep producers continue to bring livestock off summer rangeland. Producers have started shipping calves/lambs and will continue to do so throughout the month.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 14, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	16	34	29	20	1
Corn	2	5	31	45	17
Sheep	0	3	22	69	6
Cattle/calves	1	5	30	58	6

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 14, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	95	79	77	86
Winter Wheat Planted	70	52	84	79
Corn Mature	91	83	57	75
Corn Grain Harvested	44	26	4	21
Corn Silage Harvested	95	77	68	68
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	83	65	78	71
Apple Harvested	76	62	57	71
Peach Harvested	98	89	95	98

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 14, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	76	57	57	65
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	72	58	61	68

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 14, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	25	48	27	0
Subsoil	30	42	28	0
Stock water supplies	15	40	45	0